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1. The UnicoV plant of V. I. Lenin Works, Pilsen, is located east of the town of UnicoV (P50/N77) near the small town of Brnicko. The factory is on the northern side of the UnicoV-Sternberk railway track. About 300 meters to the west of the factory is a tree-lined road from Brnicko to Dolni Sukolom. The east side of the factory is along the UnicoV-Brnicko-Paseky rural road. 25X1
2. The factory site is 1,500 meters long and 500 to 700 meters wide. About half of the site, along the railway line, is fenced by a concrete wall, the remainder by barbed wire. Entrance to the factory is in the southwestern corner. A road connects the plant with the Brnicko-Dolni Sukolom road. It has a rolled surface and a crossing over the railroad. In front of the gates is a bus terminal for bus routes bringing workers to work.
3. A two-story building, 30 x 10 meters, built in 1953, is on the west side of the plant, north of the entrance. The gatekeeper control post is in the southern part of this building. Between this building and the first large workshop is a group of temporary wooden buildings used as a canteen and a repair shop.
4. A production hall, finished in 1952, is about 300 meters to the east of the main entrance and 200 meters north of the railroad. It lies in a north-south direction and is 150 meters long, 100 meters wide and 15 to 20 meters high, of reinforced concrete. A 10 meter long section of the north end of this hall has three stories and contains offices.
5. Sidings branch off the UnicoV-Sternberk railroad line behind the new connecting road and split into several lines inside the plant, leading to the workshops.
6. In front of each workshop is a ramp with a crane for unloading heavy material from the railroad cars.

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7. A second production hall lies about 20 meters to the east of the first hall. This hall has been in production since 1951.
8. A third workshop, the first one built, began production in the spring of 1951. It is about 30 meters from the second one, of reinforced concrete, 80 x 150 meters. Again there are offices in the northern part.
9. In the summer of 1953, the workshops were repainted gray-green. Their previous color, yellow, was very conspicuous.
10. Machinery at the plant is completely new and there is a large number of lathes of all types, milling machines and boring machines. The machines are placed so that production can proceed progressively. Light parts are moved by carts, heavy ones by crane.
11. Production consists of :
 - a. Heavy cranes [redacted] A large part of the deliveries is returned because of defects. 25X1
 - b. Iron Bridge Constructions. These are so large that they take up four flat cars.
12. About 2,000 people are employed here; about 20% are women, who work in offices, canteens, and as crane operators. Technicians and skilled labor were taken over from the V. I. Lenin Works, Pilsen, and some of the employees, mostly the younger ones, were sent to Pilsen for training in 1950 - 51. Since 1952, a two-months course of instruction has been run at Unicov itself. The labor force is not properly trained and this leads to mistakes and rejects.
13. The working morale of the employees is very poor, for they are mostly people who have been transferred here from administrative jobs. The slogan "Down with the Communists" has appeared many times on the walls of the plant. The police and the security officer are always making arrests.
14. There are serious accidents every day. Employees are not trained for this kind of work and safety precautions are insufficient. Cranes have overturned.
15. The plant is managed by a worker-manager, Pech (fnu), who is unpopular with the workers, whom he drives like slaves and forces into Sunday brigades.
16. Electric current is supplied by SME-Prerov (sic), which is connected with the Litovel hydro-electric power station. A pipeline was laid in 1952 from the new reservoir near the Sanatorium in Paseky. The pipes have a diameter of 40 cm. This water system is also to supply Unicov and Litovel.
17. A new group of three-story apartment buildings was put up for employees, on the southwest edge of town on the Strellice-Litovel road.
18. Unmarried employees receive gross monthly wages of 900 Kcs. Deductions are about 200 Kcs. Average wages vary around 700 Kcs. net. Foremen get 1,200 Kcs. gross. Deductions for married employees depend on the number of children. For five children and over, there are no deductions. Pay is frequently three days late because of the lack of money.
19. The factory works three shifts, fully manned.

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